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March 24, 2015

**BY ECF**

The Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

**Re:    United States v. Ericson Vargas Cardona  
S1 11 Cr. 349 (LAP)**

Dear Judge Preska:

The Government writes, with defendant Ericson Vargas Cardona's consent, to respectfully request an adjournment of the plea currently scheduled for March 30, 2015. The parties have been engaged in extensive discussions about a potential disposition of the case, and the parties are close to finalizing the terms of a plea agreement. In order to allow additional time for these discussions and to allow adequate time for the defendant to review the proposed plea offer with counsel, the Government requests that the Court adjourn the plea to April 14, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. The Government also moves, with the defendant's consent, to exclude the time between March 30, 2015 and April 14, 2015 in the interests of justice, to allow the parties to continue discussing a possible resolution of this matter prior to trial. See 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

Respectfully submitted,

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